

Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group (CAG)
Minutes of January 14, 2004 (Draft)

Minutes by Dorothy Shoemaker

Present at meeting:

Neighborhood Associations

Robin Plance (b) (6) St. Johns
Chair, Administrative committee
coordinator

Peter Laughingwolf (b) (6) Cathedral Park
Cathy Crawford University Park

Business

Rob DeGraff (b) (6)
Steve Gunther Progressive Products and Services

Environment

Dorothy Shoemaker (b) (6) Sierra Club
Evaluation committee coordinator, Board Secretary

Rhett Lawrence rhett@ospirg.org OSPIRG

Health

Jane Harris jane@oregon-health.org OCEH

Recreation:

Bill Barrett (b) (6) Waterfront Org. of Oregon

At-Large

Jim Robison (b) (6)

Jackie Calder (b) (6)
Joe Keating (b) (6) Education and Outreach coordinator

Excused Absences:

Neighborhood Associations:

Larry Talbert (b) (6) Hi Noon

Environment:

Travis Williams travis@willamette-riverkeeper.org Willamette Riverkeeper

Recreation:

Raquel Coyote (b) (6) Citizen

Other Participants:

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Matt Lawrence	OSPIRG	
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(b) (6)	Citizen	(b) (6)
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John Lolly	Bean Environmenatl	
D. Bledon	KM	
Sebastian Degens	Port of Portland	degens@portptld.com
(b) (6)	Citizen	(b) (6)

6:10 PM – 7:55 PM, January 14, 2004

Meeting brought to order by Robin Plance, chair.

Next meeting set for February 11, 2004, same location, 6 to 8 PM.

Introduction.

CAG members, along with a few guests including Senator Margaret Carter, toured the Port of Portland Terminal 4. The location will be cleaned up as a hotspot in an early action. The next Port tour is Feb. 21, 2004, at 10 AM. Contact Sue Safford at saffos@portptld.com.

The agenda was approved by agreement.

Robin thanked Raquel, who didn't attend the meeting, for hosting the CAG holiday party.

MOTION: The December CAG meeting minutes were approved. Joe moved, Rhett seconded. All agreed. It is noted that the attendance list will be constructed after the sign-up sheet is located.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Joe is still thinking about having a press conference, but feels it is not quite the right time. He wants to wait until we have more news, and more that we want to present.

Jane suggested we have one when the fish sampling data comes out. Fish data is mostly expected to come out in March.

Robin talked about materials we need: a handout to give potential supporters; and a handout for new members,

Steve and Rhett discussed asking a reporter at the Oregonian to cover the Portland Harbor issue more often, like once a month.

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Barbara will mail us a CD of the new Field Sampling Plan (FSP). It brings the sampling planned for Rounds 2B, CA, CB, etc. into plans for Round 2..

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Barbara emailed a list of accomplishments for the Portland Harbor to Steve Gunther. Steve was asked, and agreed, to email the list to the CAG membership.

(b) (6)



Dorothy agreed, when asked by Steve and others, to synthesize the annual reports which have been written by Robin Plance, the City of Portland, the EPA, and the LWG.

The Portland Development Commission report was mentioned.

Robin announced the first Harbor Oil CAG meeting at 6:00 on January 29 at the Kenton Fire House.

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SPEAKER: Sebastian Degens of the Port of Portland

Sebastian discussed soda ash and dust complaints about Kinder Morgan. The Port is the owner of the land there, and he Port expects Kinder Morgan to clean it up. There is dust around the railyard.

Jane Harris and (b) (6) were very concerned about what (b) (6) saw as an employee of the Port. (b) (6) was a longshoreman. On October 18, 2003, he saw a large amount of soda ash there, and took pictures.

Sebastian was asked if the Port does surprise inspection. He said "no".

The railyard was built in the 40s or 50s, and is hard to clean. They could build a new railyard.

Wash-down water on the dock is caught and treated, according to Sebastian. Other water runs into the river.

Steve wanted to know if we could see the lease wording. Sebastian said "yes", we could see the wording for the new tenant.

Jim talked about the value of surprise inspections.

Jerry said they used to tent ships to prevent dust from spreading.

The EPA is investigating a potash spill.

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ELECTIONS

Robin called for elections of officers, as it was not done in the fall of 2003.

MOTION: Robin Plance stays as Chair of CAG. Moved by Jim Robison, 2nd by Joe. All agreed.

MOTION: Dorothy Shoemaker continues as Board Secretary of CAG. Moved by Joe, 2nd by Steve. All agreed.

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PHCAG Presentations:

February	T4 Early Action Updates, Anne and Sean
March	Fish Data, Dave Stone
April	City of Portland/River Renaissance Work Plan Update
May	Tribes
June	TMDL/DEQ

The CAG decided to have a retreat in March, just for CAG members. We'll spend a Saturday setting goals and making a work plan for ourselves.

Katie of the National Environmental Trust introduced herself. She is trying to get polluter pays reinstated. She will talk to Joe.

Meeting adjoured 7:55 PM.